

Chatham Township Environmental Commission  
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Minutes of April 11, 2005 CTC Meeting (revised)

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:50 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2005 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, L. Caprioglio, D. Stillinger, S. Hoag, K. Tubbs, and N. Hagner Twp Committee. Also attending was Teri Hough from the Board of Adjustment.

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2005 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the a main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Ms. Hoag moved to accept the minutes from the March 14, 2005 meeting and Ms. Abbott seconded, with all in favor.

Presentations

Blaine Rothauser representing the homeowner group on Independence Court in Madison opposing Woodland Park development stated he spent many hours on site researching the area. Mr. Rothauser asserted that there were many different species on site including a wood turtle found 150 yards from area. He stressed the importance of protecting that area and environment.

Remarks/Action

Letter to mayor and Township Committee supporting a public referendum on the open space tax of \$.02.

Commission discussed wildflower walk with Biologist Blaine Rothauser held on March 20, 2005 at Riverside Cleanup Site. Recommends clipping multiflora rose throughout area but not along riverbank. Reason being, holds riverbank together. Spring clean up scheduled for April 16.

Congratulations to Kathy Abbott and Lydia Chambers for receiving an award on "Pesticide Free Lawns & Parks". Picture will appear in the Star Ledger.

Commission discussed proposing meeting within the next couple of weeks with Mayor O'Connor to discuss the Tree Protection Ordinance to be stricter.

Discussion of Millburn EC Environmental Coordinator idea/meeting on May 2. No one from CTEC committed to attend at this time.

Demolition letter sent to Twp Committee.

NJDEP letter about Gunn/Green Village Rd. LOI application.

Letter of support considered for DEP regulations to protect the habitat of T&E species.

#### Events

April 30 and May 7, 2005 from 9 am – 12:30 pm Electronics Recycling at DPW facility.  
Some CTEC members to volunteer.

April 16, 2005, Sat. 9:30 am – 12:30 pm – Third Annual Riverside Cleanup and Weed out.

Leann Tavtigian working on storm water display to be held at Chatham Library.

#### Reports

Open Space Committee report – S. Hoag – Discussed bike path development under high tension wires. Mrs. Hoag will research.

Planning Board Report

Township Committee report

#### Mail

(received mail including newsletters etc. on top of filing cabinet in meeting room)

2/16/05 – minutes Chatham Borough EC meeting

2/16/05 – minutes of Long Hill EC meeting

3/31/05 – letter from Independence Court residents group's lawyer asking for a time change of CTEC meeting on 4/11/05.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scannelli/Secretary